



# HF Happenings



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Dennis, ZS4BS, busy with a geocache on the R350 between Bedford and Grahamstown, the Amatola mountains are in the background. Geocaching - [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

## SARL@HOME

The first SARL@HOME event for 2015 will be held at the National Amateur Radio Centre on Saturday 7 February. There will be two events on the same day. Frik Wolf, ZS6FZ, will present another surface mount technology workshop where you will learn how to work with surface mount components.

The workshop includes building a small project to put your new gained knowledge into practice. The cost for the workshop is R150 for South African Radio League members and R300 for non-members. This includes the PC board and components for the project and a CD containing a wealth of information and videos. Full details are on the web. The workshop starts at 08:30

The second event on 7 February is a WSPR discussion starting at 14:00. Learn more about the South African Radio League's fascinating 5 MHz propagation research project with Stuart Moss, ZS6GSM, and Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV.

## ZS90SARL made its debut on 1 January 2015

Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC of the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society is the first station to use the call sign ZS90SARL to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the South African Radio League. Original known as the South African Radio Relay League, the national

body for amateur radio in South Africa, was formed in May 1925, shortly after the formation of the International Amateur Radio Union in Paris, France.

It is fitting that the first transmissions of ZS90SARL was made from Port Elizabeth as it was there that the first radio contact in South Africa was established.

It was Edward Alfred Jennings, a telephone technician in the city, who through experimentation to improve the performance of the telephone mouthpiece detected its coherer properties. He also noticed that the electric tram passing his house a little distance away caused crackling. Later that year, in 1896, he carried out an ambitious experiment to send a signal over a nearly a kilometre distance between his house in Sherlock Street to a primitive receiving station at Cooper's Kloof. A flag was hoisted if his signals were received and indeed, they were.

For the week 12 - 18 January Mike Stokes, ZS6AI, from Kempton Park, will operate the call sign.

## The Yasme Excellence Awards for 2014

The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation ([www.yasme.org](http://www.yasme.org)) has announced the recipients of the Yasme Excellence Awards for 2014.

IARU Region 1 is delighted to learn that Lisa Leenders, PA2LS, the Chairman of the Region 1 Youth Working Group and Florin-Cristian Predescu, YO9CNU, have been awarded a Yasme Excellence award for their work in

organising and promoting Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) and amateur radio youth activities.

The Yasme Excellence Award is presented to individuals who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication, have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper.

Furthermore, the Yasme Foundation has awarded IARU Region 1 a grant of \$5 000 in support of youth activities in amateur radio.

In a separate action, the Yasme Foundation has awarded IARU Region 1 Member Society, the Egyptian Radio Amateurs Society for Development (ERASD) a grant of \$2 000 in support of its activities.

In acknowledging the award to IARU Region 1 for its youth programme, the President of IARU Region 1, Don Beattie, G3BJ, said, "We are delighted that Yasme has chosen to recognise and support the work we are doing here in IARU Region 1. The future of amateur radio lies in our ability to attract and retain high calibre entrants to our ranks. Whilst the march of communications technology might, to some, seem to cast a question mark over "traditional" amateur radio, our view is that there is much to attract today's youth into our ranks. With Yasme's financial support, we will be able to work even more energetically to help our Member Societies bring focus to attracting the new blood which amateur radio needs so much."

### CQ Hall of Fame Awards

Nominations for the Contest and DX Halls of Fame are made by contesting or DX clubs or national organizations and must be submitted by 1 March of each year to be considered. A maximum of two (2) people may be inducted into each hall of fame each year. Nominations for the CQ Contest and DX Halls of Fame should be directed to CQ (DX or Contest) Hall of Fame, c/o CQ magazine, 25 Newbridge Rd., Hicksville, NY 11801 USA, or via e-mail to [w2vu@cq-amateur-radio.com](mailto:w2vu@cq-amateur-radio.com). Be sure

### January 2015

- 1 – New Year's Day; start of ZS90SARL; start of CQ Marathon
- 5 – NARC opens
- 10 and 11 – Hunting Lions in the Air
- 14 – Inland schools open
- 15 January - your input to the South African Radio League about the draft amendments to the radio regulations to [sarlregwg@sarl.org.za](mailto:sarlregwg@sarl.org.za)
- 16 to 18 – PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest
- 21 – Coastal schools open
- 24 – Summer QRP Contest

### February 2015

- 2 – World Wetlands day
- 7 – SARL@HOME at the NARC
- 7 and 8 – AWA CW Day
- 14 – Valentine's Day
- 14 and 15 – SARL National Field Day
- 18 and 19 - The 2015 Sub-Sahara Spectrum Management Conference, Johannesburg
- 21 – SARL Youth Contest
- 22 – SARL Digital Contest

to specify for which hall of fame the nomination is made.

Nominations for the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame (see recent January issue of CQ for details) are due by 1 March of each year. They may be submitted by individuals as well as radio clubs or national organizations and should be sent to CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame, 25 Newbridge Rd., Hicksville, NY 11801 USA; or e-mailed to [hall-of-fame@cq-amateur-radio.com](mailto:hall-of-fame@cq-amateur-radio.com). For more details, see [http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq\\_awards/cq\\_hall\\_of\\_fame\\_awards/cq\\_hall\\_of\\_fame\\_awards.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_awards/cq_hall_of_fame_awards/cq_hall_of_fame_awards.html)

### DX Survey Results

DX Magazine's 2014 Most Wanted Countries Survey. DX Magazine's has published their Most Wanted Countries from a survey that was conducted in September/October 2014 time frame. Here is the "Top 20" in the overall World-Wide Results as per DX Magazine (Jan/Feb 2015 issue) [2014 ranking, Prefix, Country and 2013 ranking]



- 1 P5 North Korea 1
- 2 KP1 Navassa Island 2
- 3 3Y/B Bouvet 3
- 4 FT5W Crozet 4
- 5 VK0/H Heard Island 6
- 6 BS7H Scarborough 7
- 7 VP8/S South Sandwich 9
- 8 FT5T Tromelin Island 10
- 9 KH5K Kingman Reef 12
- 10 KH5 Palmyra 11
- 11 BV9P Pratas Island 14
- 12 E3 Eritrea 15
- 13 FR/JE Juan de Nova/Europa 13
- 14 CE0X San Felix 19
- 15 KH3 Johnston Island 18
- 16 VP8/G South Georgia 17
- 17 KH1 Baker & Howland 25
- 18 KH7K Kure Island 20
- 19 ZS8 Marion Island 8
- 20 VK0/M Macquarie 22

The full list of the top 100 Most Wanted, World-Wide, will soon be posted to the DX Publishing Web site at

<http://www.dxpub.net/MOST-WANTED-SURVEY.html>

### DXpedition of the Year 2014

The results are in! The DX-World.net has announced the results of their "2014 DXpedition of the Year" survey. The top five are:

- 1 FT5ZM - Amsterdam Island
- 2 FT4TA - Tromelin Island
- 3 VK9DLX - Lord Howe Island
- 4 VK9MT - Mellish Reef
- 5 ZD9XF - Tristan da Cunha

DX-World.net and Northern California DX Club sponsored the survey. It was reported that nearly 10 000 took part in this survey. For more details, see <http://www.dx-world.net/result-dxpedition-of-the-year-2014/#more-56728>

### African Islands



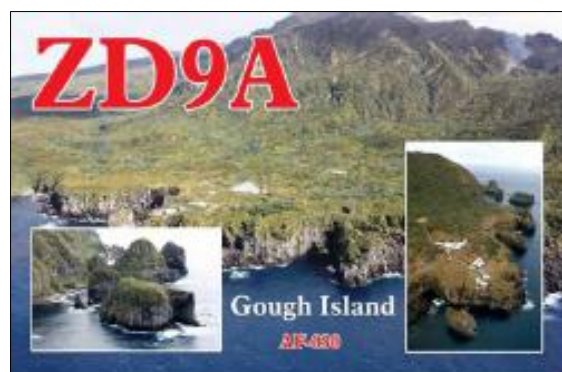
IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Chagos, VQ9. Word has it that Bob, N7XR, is returning to Diego Garcia (IOTA AF-006) between 15 and 28 January and will be active as VQ9XR. Activity will be on 160 to 10 metres using SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home call sign direct only. No Bureau or LoTW. Look for possible updates on

<http://www.wake-diego2014.org>



Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island, ZD9. David, ZS1BCE, is currently working as a radio technician on Gough Island (AF-030) until September. He plans to get on the air during his spare time signing ZD9A on SSB and digital modes. His QSL manager will be Alan, ZS1LS, who will also take care of LoTW uploads.

### African DX



Senegal, 6W. Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as 6W7SK from Saly Portudal, 80 km south of Dakar on the coast, between 10 January and 5 February. Activity will be holiday style using the same station as last time (IC-7000 into a G5RV antenna) operating mainly CW on 80 to 10 metres. If possible, he also hopes to be active on 160 m with an In-

verted L with a 300 watts solid-state amplifier. Look for his low band activity during his local sunrise and sunset. QSL via F6BLP, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. For more details, logs and pictures of his last operation, visit

<http://www.f6blp.org>

### 3Y/B, Bouvet 2016

(Press release #2 - Bouvet Project - de ON4WW). Update dated 30 December: It is getting close to 'decision time' whether or not the Bouvet project will go forward. I am amazed by the amount of funding intentions received from individual DXers and DX Foundations/Clubs alike.

As stated from the beginning, I will be very transparent about every aspect of this project, finances not being the least.

Now, €112 000 out of the needed €250 000 is on the budget spreadsheet, this is exciting news! The funding intentions from individual DXers range from \$10 to a staggering \$100 000 (€8 to €82 000). Yes, there is an angel contributor willing to donate this much of money to see this project succeed!

I am expecting the input of some of the DX Foundations, DX Clubs and other Amateur Radio related Institutions to reach me in the next few weeks. As such, I am postponing the deadline for a possible go ahead until the end of January 2015.

Some of you have raised a point of concern about two teams possibly activating Bouvet around the same period. I have done my homework on this, and with all data at hand, I see no reason to adjust my initial concept. Concerning possible funding for the two efforts, luckily for you, the deserving DXer and the DX Foundations/Clubs there are mechanisms in place to determine the viability and success factors of both efforts.

The unique one-man effort over a 3 month time period, will undoubtedly show how this different approach will make more people happy (compared to a multi-operator team, short time period). Have a closer look why.

It is in the scope of this project:

1. To work as many unique stations as possible; thanks to the 3-month period, I will be able to work 1 or 2 specific bands exactly for this purpose. The very last interested QRPp station willing to work Bouvet and willing to put the necessary time and effort from his/her side into it, will be able to get in the log;

2. To work those stations that need Bouvet on certain band slots/modes to achieve 9 band clean sweeps;

3. To provide SSB, CW and RTTY contacts for those needing certain modes.

For all audiences, I will have plenty of time. It will be the primary reason for me being on Bouvet, making radio contacts, as many as possible.

Whether or not there will be two DXpeditions activating Bouvet, all the target audiences (unique/9 banders/modes) will ultimately have a better shot with the 3-month concept.

For this approach to be successful, it needs one or two things.

- Club Log is a great asset to Amateur Radio. However, the 'Leader board' function will not be used;

- I will ask to those who already have Bouvet confirmed on certain bands/modes - only work Bouvet where you need it.

I am confident I can count on the fair play from the deserving DXers to just work Bouvet where they need it. Resulting in being able to work the pileups down to the very last QRPp or mobile station and at the same time making the 9 band hams reach their objective.

For those of you who would like to, and are able to contribute to the project upfront, please send an e-mail to [bouvet2016@telenet.be](mailto:bouvet2016@telenet.be) with the amount you intend to donate. Again, I do not want/need any money now, there is no PayPal account, it is just your funding intention I need to know now. The final total on my spreadsheet will tell me whether to go ahead or not. A final thought: 112 000 out of 250 000 is not enough to go ahead.

Thank you to those who already stepped forward, much appreciated! Wishing

all of you a happy and healthy 2015, and may your logs be filled with wonderful DX....

73 - Mark, ON4WW

### EP6T Iran DXpedition (Kish Island - AS-166)

(Press Release #4, dated 29 December [edited]): With only 16 days to go before the EP6T DXpedition will take place in the I.R of Iran, the Rockall DX Group is in the final process of finalizing their newest set-up - 5 High power stations, more than 6 km of radials, new RX systems, filters, combiners, verticals, phased arrays, a 4 SQ and 5 beams should make it possible to get YOU in our log!

Out of almost 4 800 voters who filled out our poll, it is obvious that "the Low bands" will become the challenge of this expedition. Our Low band (160, 80 and 40) operators will be active from local sunset (13:45 UTC) up until our sunrise (03:00 UTC) and will hopefully be able to pull out the weaker W6/W7 signals that will reach us on 160 metres via the long path (27 000 km!)

During the first two days of the expedition, we encourage DX stations from all corners of the world to listen to us on the Low bands and to keep our pilots informed of your best times so we can focus based on the data we receive. During these days, we will also be doing our utmost to thin out the EU pile.

Propagation predictions show that almost all continents are within decent signal range, with North America the only exception. The EP to NA path is extremely difficult and of short duration. To give everyone a fair chance and to obtain a levelled continental balance, we will have to use all openings to NA to the fullest! The 10 metre antenna has been replaced by a 5 element OWA Yagi. By doing so, our signal will be significantly stronger, but we also hope to be able to log West Coast stations via LP.

You will be able to find us on the frequencies listed on our website at

<http://www.rockall.be/index.php/frequency-list>. The website also provides a link to Stu, K6TU, which guarantees your personal propagation prediction towards Kish Island at

<https://k6tu.net/?q=node/add/dx-prediction-ep6t>. We have put countless hours and tremendous efforts in trying to meet everyone's needs and hopes for your cooperation; because besides predictions, the most important message "is the operator's instructions."

During our stay, it is likely that next to the experts from the C.R.A, some local radio amateurs will come and visit us. Together, we will share all our experiences and help them discover the fun of pile-ups. Please be patient and help them to discover this wonderful hobby.

Your QSL card is guaranteed; all information can be found on our website and note that each individual sponsor in our log receives a QSL card completely free of charge!

The Rockall DX Group wishes you Happy Holidays, and a good EP6T hunt!

### K1N Navassa DXpedition

(Press Release - 30 December): It is now about 4 weeks before K1N goes on the air. The exact date of departure from the staging area will be dependent upon a combination of the date US FWS transportation is available and upon weather windows. It is looking like K1N will be active the first two weeks of February.

Most of the team have their bags packed and are ready to go. Because of the helicopter logistics, this will be a no-frills-minimum-comfort operation for the team. Meals will be MRE's. The container has been organised for a quick camp setup and quick radio/antenna setup to take advantage of every moment. It is estimated there will be two full days of helicopter shuttles to get everything needed to start operations. A small team of FWS personnel will accompany us, including armed Federal Law Enforcement Officers.

Efficiency is not just for the team, but also for the DX community. It has been over 22 years since Navassa was activated and USFWS will not allow another operation for at least 10 more years. This is a ONCE IN 32 YEARS opportunity to work Navassa! Everyone can make the most of this opportunity by



LISTENING to the operator's instructions and following the cadence of the operator. We will not be working all modes on all bands, but limiting most bands to a specific mode, so that we can work the pileups down to the last little pistol.

Fund raising has been going well. The team has contributed about half of the total budget. For those in the US, it is possible to make a year-end tax-deductible donation, directed through the Northern California DX Foundation. See [www.navassadx.com](http://www.navassadx.com) and follow the instructions on the DONATE tab.

We have a Facebook page to watch and a Twitter feed (@navassa2015) to follow along.

For the KP1-5 Project - Bob Allphin, K4UEE, Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, and Mike Thomas, NA5U

### TX5, Chesterfield Island

(Press Release dated 3 January). Gene, K5GS, sent out the following [edited]: Chesterfield Islands 2015 DXpedition (OC-176) 2015 / 2016 are shaping up to be one of the best ever DXpedition seasons. Along with the skipper of Evohe we developed our tentative sailing schedule. We will ship equipment to Auckland, New Zealand, where the boat will be loaded and sail for Noumea, New Caledonia.

Sailing in the Coral Sea is always a challenge, avoiding the cyclone season is a top priority.

1. Advance Team arrives in NZ 12 Sept 2015. Buy locally sourced items, Load Evohe 13 - 16 Sept
2. Evohe departs for Noumea 17 Sept
3. Evohe arrives in Noumea 23 Sept
4. Radio Team arrives in Noumea 25 - 26 Sept
5. Sail to Chesterfield 28 - 30 Sept
6. Land on Chesterfield 1 Oct
7. Setup 1 - 2 Oct
8. Radio operations 2 - 12 Oct
9. Tear down 12 Oct
10. Sail to Noumea 13 - 15 Oct
11. Evohe arrives in Noumea 15 Oct
12. Evohe sails for NZ 17 Oct. Radio team departs for home 18 Oct. Several members return to NZ to meet Evohe

13. Evohe arrives in NZ 23 Oct

14. Offload boat in New Zealand 24 / 25 Oct

15. Repack equipment for shipping 25 - 27 Oct

The following individuals were added to the team: Steve Dyer, W1SRD, Ross Forbes, K6GFJ, and Kevin Rowett, K6TD. Team members previously committed include Pista, HA5AO, Les, W2LK, Mike, WA6O and Gene, K5GS. Additional team members will be added. Interested in joining the team? Please send an e-mail to [chesterfield@pdxg.net](mailto:chesterfield@pdxg.net)

Landing Permit: after some initial confusion, we confirmed that a landing permit is not required for DXCC purposes. We will provide the ARRL DXCC desk photos with GPS coordinates and a copy of the ship's log when we drop anchor.

QSL Management: We will manage our own QSLs. Partnering with a well-known QSL manager we wrote a fully integrated cloud based Log Search - OQRS - QSO management application: that delivers the familiar user functions plus an integrated approach to QSL label management and LoTW management. Working from a single cloud database the QSL team's workload and manual tasks will be greatly reduced.

TX3X License: Our license application for TX3X was submitted and received in New Caledonia. The process requires the application be forwarded to and processed by the ANFR in France. New Caledonia resident Remi Touzard, FK8CP, is assisting us. We are well ahead of the usual license processing time which is typically months. Therefore, until the official license arrives we will refer to TX3X as "pending."

Equipment Consolidation Location: Our equipment will be shipped to Auckland, New Zealand and placed in secure storage. We'll load the boat at the Bayswater Marina which is located across the harbour between Auckland suburbs of Devonport and Takapuna.

Project Cost: The preliminary budget for this DXpedition is \$150 000. As with any DXpedition that requires a boat charter, team safety is the top priority. We are using a known boat and skipper. We encourage support from worldwide individual DXers, DX clubs and DX foundations.

Our goal is to cover 50% of the total cost through donations. The team members will pay their own travel/living expenses and will cover the difference between total cost and donations received. At the end of the project we will provide club and foundation donors with a financial summary.

Please direct any questions to [chesterfield@pdxg.net](mailto:chesterfield@pdxg.net). Please see our website for additional information

<http://chesterfield2015.pdxg.net>

73, Team Chesterfield 2015

## VKOEK Heard DXpedition

(Press Release - Dated 31 December): Team members, support people, sponsors and interested persons — we have official confirmation from the vessel for the dates of the expedition - 10 November to 22 December 2015. These dates mean depart/return Fremantle, Australia. The visit to Kerguelen is not yet confirmed - the skipper is working on that, so we will update you when we have news.

Thanks to Rodney Russ for arranging with the Shokalskiy for extra time in Fremantle in order to accommodate this need. Some team members would have been unable to participate had we not been able to return before Christmas. This is a nice present, and ensures that the expedition can make (and keep) the plans.....

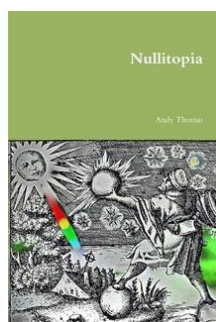
A FAQ page has been added to the VKOEK Web site at <http://vkOek.org/faq>  
Bob, KK6EK (Cordell Expeditions)

## IOTA Annual Update

Updates for the 2015 Honour Roll and other performance tables must be sent on or before 31 January. If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. IOTA rules limit inclusion in the listings to those participants who have updated their scores at least once in the preceding five years and have opted to have their scores published. Listing in the 2015 tables will be restricted to those participants who have updated their scores since February 2010.

Record-holders, who have made IOTA contacts in an IOTA Contest after 2003, can claim credit for them without submitting QSLs, if the contact details match, either by manually entering the QSO information on the input form or by uploading a Cabrillo format log. The 2014 IOTA Contest data has now been uploaded to the IOTA database and is available for QSO matching.

## New novel featuring amateur radio



Andy, G0SFJ, announces the second novel in the 'Jack Malik' trilogy - and amateur radio is again an important feature. This experimental novel is a Derridan collage of fragments in place and time. We learn rapidly, through the commu-

nity, of a cosmic catastrophe on Earth and the events that brought this global crew together. Elsewhere in counterpoint, in non-places, Nullitopias of the book's title, we hear isolated radio messages, of celebrations and commemorations; and know people, identities and events by their functions. At a time, somewhere in the distant skies, Jack Malik reflects on his identity, journey and circumstance.

A free extract from the novel is on line by clicking "Preview" at the ordering page <http://www.lulu.com/shop/andy-thomas/nullitopia/hardcover/product-21946786.html> and other distributors are being added.

## History this Week

Week starting 5 January 2015

1816 - Sir Humphry Davy's safety lamp was first used in a coalmine

1839 - The daguerreotype photo process was announced at the French Academy of Science

1899 - A US patent was issued for an "Electric Device (a Flashlight)" invented by David Misell

1929 - The first TV broadcast in Australia by Gil Miles and Donald Macdonald from radio station 3UZ in Melbourne

2015 - ZS4BS went back to work

### Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 5 to 12 January 2015

#### QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 7 January

Mode: CW

Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 8 January 2015

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)

#### CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 7 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 8 January

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 10 January 2015

Post log summary at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

#### NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 9 January

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 11 January 2015

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

#### QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 9 January

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 10 January 2015

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)

#### NCCC Sprint Ladder

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 9 January

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 11 January 2015



E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

Old New Year Contest

05:00 - 09:00 UTC 10 January

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed - low or high; Single Op on Air >50 Years - low or high; Club - low or high; SWL

Exchange: RST and sum of operator age and years on the air

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: Copied age and experience

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 25 January 2015

E-mail logs to: [contest@radio.ru](mailto:contest@radio.ru)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule-results/index7.shtml>

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

12:00 UTC 10 January to 24:00 UTC 11 January

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or "NONE"

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 18 January 2015

Post log summary at:

<http://wes.m0trn.com/submission.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekend\\_sprintathon/](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/)

UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest

12:00 UTC 10 January to 12:00 UTC 11 January

Mode: BPSK63

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single Op Single Band - QRP or low; Multi-Op; SWL

Max power: LP: 50 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RSQ and serial no (starting with 1001)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each prefix once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 18 January 2015

E-mail logs to: [ubapsk63@uba.be](mailto:ubapsk63@uba.be)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/uba-psk63-prefix-contest-rules>

North American CW QSO Party

18:00 UTC 10 January to 05:59 UTC 11 January

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP or low; Multi-Two - low

Max operating hours: Single Op: 10 hours;

Multi-Two: 12 hours

Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 05:59 UTC 18 January 2015

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqplotsubmit/>

Mail logs to: Chris Hurlbut, KL9A, 1733 E. Broad Ave., Spokane, WA 99207, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

#### NRAU-Baltic SSB Contest

06:30 - 08:30 UTC 11 January

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40 m

Classes: Single Op - low or high; Multi-Op

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RS, serial no and 2-letter region

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO

Multipliers: Each region, once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 18 January 2015

E-mail logs to: [nrau@lrmd.lt](mailto:nrau@lrmd.lt)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.nrau.net/nrau-baltic-contest/rules.html>

#### DARC 10-Metre Contest

09:00 - 10:59 UTC 11 January

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: DL Single Op CW - low or high; DL Single Op Mixed - low or high; non-DL Single Op CW; non-DL Single Op Mixed

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W

Exchange: DL: RS(T), QSO no and DOK, non-DL: RS(T) and QSO no

Work stations: Once only

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each WAE/DXCC country once; Each DOK once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 January 2015

E-mail logs to: [10\\_m@dxhf.darc.de](mailto:10_m@dxhf.darc.de)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/10\\_m/en/rules/](http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/10_m/en/rules/)

#### NRAU-Baltic CW Contest

09:00 - 11:00 UTC 11 January

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40 m

Classes: Single Op - low or high; Multi-Op

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RST, serial no and 2-letter region

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO

Multipliers: Each region, once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 18 January 2015

E-mail logs to: [nrau@lrmd.lt](mailto:nrau@lrmd.lt)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.nrau.net/nrau-baltic-contest/rules.html>

### Next Week's Contests

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 UTC-03:30 UTC 14 January

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC 14 January 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 January 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 15 January

AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest, 23:00 UTC 14 January to 23:00 UTC 15 January and 23:00 UTC 17 January to 23:00 UTC 18 January

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 16 January

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 16 January

NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 January

YL-ISSB QSO Party, SSB, 00:00 UTC 17 January to 23:59 UTC 18 January

LZ Open Contest, 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 17 January

Hungarian DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 17 January to 11:59 UTC 18 January

North American SSB QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 17 January to 05:59 UTC 18 January

Feld Hell Sprint, 20:00 - 23:59 UTC 17 January

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 02:00 - 04:00 UTC 19 January

### QSLing is the final courtesy of a QSO

The South African Radio League has produced a generic QSL card, which you can

personalise by writing in your own call sign. The cards are available in batches of 100 at R50 per batch, including postage. To order, pay in the amount for the required number of QSL cards into the SARL account.

Account details: ABSA account no 407 158 8849, branch code 632 005. Send details of the delivery address and proof of payment to [zs6wwj@gmail.com](mailto:zs6wwj@gmail.com)



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### Airport Ticket Agent

I got a call from a Kansas Congressman's staffer, who wanted to go to Cape Town. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information and then he interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Cape Town is in Massachusetts".

Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts ... Cape Town is in South Africa." His response -- click.

I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman ask for an aisle seat so that her hair would not get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)

An Illinois Congresswoman called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that

her flight from Detroit left at 8:30 a.m. and got to Chicago at 8:33 a.m.

I explained that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went fast, and she bought that.

A New Jersey Congressman called to make reservations. "I want to go from Chicago to Rhino, New York."

I was at a loss for words. Finally, I asked "Are you sure that's the name of the town?"

"Yes, what flights do you have?" replied the man.

After some searching, I came back with, "I'm sorry sir. I've looked up every airport code in the country and can't find a rhino anywhere."

The man retorted, "Oh, don't be silly! Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!"

So I scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don't mean Buffalo, do you?"

The reply, "Whatever! I knew it was a big animal."

A Senator called and had a question about the documents she needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded her that she needed a visa. "Oh, no I don't. I have been to China many times and never had to have one of those."

I double checked and sure enough, her stay required a visa. When I told her this she said, "Look, I've been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express!"

I just got off the phone with a freshman Congressman who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?"

I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these planes have numbers on them."

I shudder to think what a South African Airport Ticket Agent could tell us!!